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Muscogee (Creek) Nation Reaches Agreement with Museum Association, Retains Artifacts

OKMULGEE, Okla. – The Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the Creek Council House Museum Association have reached an agreement regarding the artifacts inside the Creek Council House that will allow the retention of the existing artifacts in storage and return of the artifacts to their owners.

The items were identified for an auction that was set to take place later this month.

The Creek Council House, its artifacts and the involved parties were in the spotlight after it was announced last month that an outside auction company would be auctioning historical items and artifacts from the Council House.

Principal Chief George Tiger said he understood the public's and the Creek citizens' perspective.

"I know there has been a lot of public sentiment about this building," Tiger said. "These artifacts need to stay in Okmulgee. They need to go back to their owners."

Tiger said the agreement was reached by the efforts of the Nation's leadership and legislative branch, and the Association's board.

"There's no price tag on history," he said. "We will be able to preserve these artifacts." The details of the agreement were still being finalized and will be released at a later date.

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